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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYERS' PROGRAM-PRINT 74 - VISA PROBLEM

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED PROBLEM
POSED BY CHARGING VISA FEE FOR MEXICAN BUSINESSMEN
ATTENDING DOC SPONSORED TRADE SHOW. ACCORDING TO OUR
INFORMATION, HOWEVER, U.S. BUSINESSMEN IN SIMILAR
CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE TO PAY MEXICAN VISA FEE.

2. INTENT OF RECIPROCITY PROVISION OF LAW IS TO
ENCOURAGE BILATERAL ABOLISHMENT OF NONIMMIGRANT VISA
FEES IN CASES WHERE FEES ARE CHARGED BY FOREIGN GOVERN-
MENTS. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THIS PURPOSE, DEPARTMENT
FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE
TO STRICT RECIPROCITY. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE, THE
DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT WAIVER OF THE VISA FEE
IN THE CASE OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATES TO PRINT 74 WOULD
BE ADVISABLE. KISSINGER

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